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LEGAL BUT NOT MORAL.

IT IS PROBABLY USELESS to discuss the city attorney salary raise further, because the councilmen and the mayor, although they know they are dead wrong, are a law unto themselves, and occupy that proud position where they can safely say, "the people be d—d." Not only can, but do. At the regular meeting Monday an opinion of Attorney General Crawford was read, saying that the increasing of the city attorney's salary was strictly legal. The attorney-general's opinion is undoubtedly correct. In fact no one has ever claimed the act was unlawful. The Capital Journal never accused the councilmen of being criminals, but classed them simply as being in this case at least, foolish.

The trouble is that the council did not in asking an opinion from the attorney-general, seek light upon the proper subject. It did not ask his opinion upon the proper question, the one the people are most interested in. What the ex-post facto law seekers should have inquired into was: "Is it legal to place the city attorney's salary back where it was when he accepted the office, and tacitly promised to conduct the business thereof for, to-wit, \$1293. That seems to be the point on which the sticklers for law in the council needed light. The council had the legal right to raise the salary, that has never been questioned. Mr. Page had also the legal right to accept it. In fact from the attorney's standpoint, he was probably in duty bound to take it. That is the ethics of the profession. The city might also have increased the wages of the city attorney's stenographer, and kept within the law.

The Capital Journal, as it stated in its first touching of this question, has no personal feeling against the city attorney, or against the mayor of any member of the council. It considers the principle of increasing salaries during the incumbency of office, entirely wrong and has used this case to illustrate the evils of so doing, because it was exactly in point, and so flagrant a violation of public trust. That is what it was; what it is, what it will be so long as the condition exists. It will not break Salem to pay that \$300, but mark the prediction, it will break the political aspirations of any man who accepts the benefits of that kind.

The proposition to reduce the salary, the introduction of the "resolution" instead of an ordinance to reduce it had all the earmarks of a bluff, and it seems it was and one made on sixpots high.

The councilmen wanted something to hide behind, hence, they sought an opinion on the legality of their act, knowing full well it was legal, and behind it they have hidden.

But the moral aspect, or rather the immoral one, is not changed. The councilmen may think they are safely hidden, and they are just as thoroughly as a limburger cheese under a napkin. However, there is little to be said for the ground has been pretty thoroughly covered, and so the Capital Journal sincerely hopes, that the councilmen's morals may not disturb the councilmen's sleep, now that the individual members of the body know that their acts were not criminal.

ABOUT WATER RATES.

THE CAPITAL JOURNAL recently stated editorially that the price of water in Salem was beyond all reason, and that the first duty of the city dade is to see that this price is reduced. That this assertion is true is undenia-

ble. The only question is the remedy, for the diagnosis is correct. Twenty four big iron dollars a year for water, as much or more than the family bread bill is too heavy a tax on the consumer and is a handicap on the city. Every permanent charge of that kind if excessive, tends to retard the city's growth. The city council and the mayor are now seeking to remedy this, and while we do not agree with their plans or methods, we are glad to see them at least doing something. The Journal is not particularly infatuated with municipal ownership, nor is it against it. What it stands for is the reduction of price, and that quickly, whether through municipal ownership, or by some arrangement with the present company, or any other way. It wants results, and is not particular about the means by which they are accomplished. It would like to see the people united on some plan for relief and whatever that is we will all try to make a success.

In this connection, here is a story of what one city back in Wisconsin, about Salem's size has done. Mr. Wm. R. Brahmer, who came here from Wisconsin last June, gives us the story and newspaper clipping, showing the results. The city of Wausau, Wisconsin, population 17,000, between 25 and 30 years ago issued bonds in the sum of \$120,000 for completing a city-owned water system. There the source of supply was innumerable deep bored wells, instead of a handy river. With this sum the system was completed and though it has been of course added to and greatly improved since, the income from the system has paid off its first cost and paid for all improvements. To accomplish this the water charge was placed at \$5 a year for a house of four rooms and 50 cents a year for each additional room. One dollar a year was charged for sprinkling lot 60 by 120 feet and a full bath room and toilet paid \$2.50 more.

For a four room house with sprinkling for lawn, bath, etc, this would make for the year \$8.50, and for an 8-room house, \$10.50 per year, either considerably less than half what Salem is paying. On top of this a clipping from the Wausau Pilot of March 11, 1913, says the rates are to be reduced. The clipping follows:

"We will publish in the next issue of the Pilot a new water works ordinance, which in addition to giving the water commission larger power in management, also fixes a new schedule of rates which is a reduction of \$1.00 a year for each family in the city. The minimum is placed at \$4.00 instead of \$5.00, the charge being \$4.00 for four rooms instead of \$5.00. The committee of the council in making the new schedule has aimed to make water for necessary purposes cheaper, and has endeavored to make an increase of cost where water is unnecessarily wasted. Wausau now has the cheapest water rates in the state and, as far as known, in the country."

It will be seen from this that with a charge much less than half of what we are paying Wausau paid for its plant, all operating expenses, and is now cutting the rate still lower. Cannot Salem have cheaper water?

Mrs. Pope Arrested.

San Francisco, March 19.—Following testimony from 11 witnesses, an indictment was returned today against Mrs. Kitty Pope, alleged accomplice of the "\$100,000 burglar," Owen D. Conn, captured here. Mrs. Pope is under arrest in Detroit. It is alleged that she fled with much of Conn's loot.

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JOURNAL EMPLOYEE CLAIMS THE RECORD

One Pullet and a China Nest Egg as Starter Hatched Five Chickens in Twelve Hours.

One of The Journal men, probably the old horse editor, claims the record in chicken raising, or rather claims it for his much better half. She has, besides the old man's meals and other shirk to look after, a couple of dozen hens. Some three weeks ago one of the biddies showed signs of wanting to become an old-fashioned incubator, that does its own clucking and turns its own eggs, and the little woman fixed up a nice little box with plenty of straw and 14 nice dark brown Plymouth Rock eggs. St. Patrick's day there were results, five little biddies bursting their shells, but before the poor old hen had concluded her labors she died on the nest. Now, on this same St. Patrick's morning a big fat yearling Plymouth Rock, of Irish propensities, no doubt, concluded it was time for her to sit around awhile, and see what she could do towards increasing the chicken population. She ambitiously squatted herself on a china nest egg and with cheerful optimism began her motherly stunt. When she had wrestled with that china fraud of an egg for 12 hours the mother hen of which we have spoken died. Not knowing what else to do with the five little orphans, the resourceful little woman who owned them, placed them under the Plymouth Rock, and that youngster, never having raised a family before, immediately mothered them, and is still swelled up, as she has a right to be, and won't associate with the other common fowls. Now, if any of the fancy poulters can make a better showing than this, let them show up.

The record is one hen and a china nest egg as a starter and five young chickens in 12 hours; mother and chicks doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

SMALLPOX REPORTED IN FAMILY AT TURNER

Dr. J. O. Van Winkle, county health officer, received word last night from Dr. J. A. Massey, of Turner, that smallpox has broken out near that place. Dr. Van Winkle at once ordered the schools of the place closed, and a ban put on all gatherings of a public nature.

While at the present time only one family, that of the Gorads, is afflicted with the disease, it is considered a necessary measure of precaution to take every possible step to block the spread of the disease.

Dr. Van Winkle recently made a trip to Gervais, where he fumigated the parochial school, which is located there. Some of the students in the Catholic school recently had scarlet fever, and before allowing the school to be used again the health officer to prevent other cases developing, fumigated the institution.

Two deaths have resulted from scarlet fever east of Gervais, both in one family. There are other cases at Gervais at the present time, but no serious results are expected.

Looks now like a rainy June or July, or August. This is not official.

LOOK YEARS YOUNGER! GRAY HAIR DARKENED BEAUTIFULLY WITH SAGE

Says Sage and Sulphur Will Stop Falling Hair and Cure Dandruff.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea with sulphur and alcohol added, then left to age and carefully filtered will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair.

Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, gray or dry, scraggy and thin. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," thus avoiding a lot of muss. Some druggists make

their own, but it isn't nearly so nice as "Wyeth's."

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur you can tell, because it does it so naturally; so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. Do this tonight and by morning all gray hairs have disappeared, after another application or two it will be restored to its natural color and be even more glossy, soft and luxuriant than ever.

Local druggists say they are selling lots of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur" and it surely helps folks appear years younger. J. C. Perry.

FAMILY IS BURNED TO DEATH IN CHICAGO

Mother and Babes Burn Together, and Father, Not Knowing It, Burned in Saving Others.

CHICAGO, March 19.—While praying to have a means of escape from the flames revealed to them, Verie Pastula, an Italian woman, with her two children, Jane, aged 5, and May aged 3, were burned to death in their home here today. The bodies were found with their knees on the floor and their charred and seared faces raised heavenward. It is believed that the blaze was of Black Hand origin.

Unconscious of the fact that his wife and children were trapped in the flames Frank Pastula succeeded in saving the children of his brother-in-law in another part of the dwelling. He was terribly burned, and his injuries may result fatally.

X-RAYS AND SMILES.

"They wriggle and wriggle out. Leaving the people still in doubt. Whether the snake that made the track Was going south—or coming back."

Uncle Joe Cannon says he will never lose interest in politics until he is dead, and from a political viewpoint Uncle Joe has already lost interest in politics.

If skirts get any tighter at the bottom, street car conductors will have to carry a boxbook and give the ladies a lift to get them aboard.

The city council now feels safely entrenched, because it has shown that its act was legal. Like that wise bird, the ostrich, it has run its head in the sand, and, being unable to see, imagines it is hidden, realizing no more than the other bird that certain portions of its anatomy are plainly visible to the naked eye.

The picture shows are doing things about right. Monday and Tuesday they produced two Satanas, and now the Wexford has the redemption on tap.

The city attorney's salary is like Banquo's ghost, "it won't down."

There are lots of things the city dade could do legally—one is to raise the salaries of city employees of the laboring class—instead of making the city attorney a present—but it is not probable that they will do this, just because they can do it legally.

A Price on Their Heads. Seattle, Wash., March 19.—That a price of \$2500 each has been placed upon the lives of Gum Pong and Dun Jeck, witnesses in Wong Song murder trial, is the information received by Deputy Prosecutor Evans today. The witnesses have disappeared, and are believed to be in hiding, fearing the gunmen employed by the rival tong. Wong Song was killed at the Milwaukee hotel on December 18, and Go Yang Ging and Chin Quong were arrested. Their trial has been continued until March 24, pending an effort to locate the witnesses in Portland.



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CONGRESS WILL BE BESIEGED.

Suffragists Plan Monster Mass Meeting for April 7.

Washington, March 19.—Demanding a constitutional amendment to enfranchise women, the National American Woman Suffrage Association is planning to besiege congress at the extra session as never before.

As a preliminary movement, the association has planned a monster mass meeting in a Washington theatre on the morning of April 7, when the extra session convenes. There are to be many speakers of reputation and the definite program will be outlined for the onslaught upon congress.

When the extra session begins, there is to be in Washington one of the great gatherings of women advocates of equal suffrage the capital has ever witnessed, it was announced at suffrage headquarters today. From every congressional district in the Union there will come at least one woman, and there also will be at least representatives at large from each state. They are to bring from their districts and states the demand for a suffrage amendment.

BAKER HAS ERYSIPELAS AND TRIAL IS POSTPONED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, March 19.—Arraign-

ment of Charles F. Baker, former assistant cashier of the Crocker National bank, charged with embezzling nearly \$200,000, was postponed today by United States Commissioner Krull until March 26. This action was based on a certificate paid from Dr. J. H. Lohse, which declared Baker was too ill to appear in court.

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Salem, Oregon March 8, 1913.
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